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“Collaboration for Resilient Communities”

The Limerick Strand Hotel
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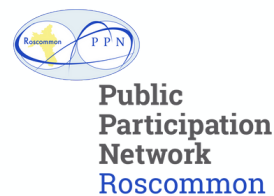
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Department of Rural and
Community Development

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PPN Limerick, in collaboration with Limerick City and County Council and the Department of Community and Rural Development, look forward to welcoming you to Limerick for the National PPN Conference 2024. We have developed this brochure, with details of the Excursions and Workshops that will be delivered, to allow you to select your preferred options.



If you have any queries, please contact us at ppn@limerick.ie



Excursions

1. Community & Voluntary

KILMURRY ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTRE

You will be visiting this central hub, created and maintained by the people of Castletroy to enhance, embrace and promote the full potential of their diverse community. The steering committee and the Limerick Art Society' (LAS), who have made the Centre their home base, will greet you.

2. Social Inclusion

NORTHSIDE FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

Join Northside Family Resource Centre as they host a Mid-West Family Resource Centre symposium International Eradication of Poverty Day" with a specific theme on "Food and Hygiene Poverty Ireland 2024". You will also be able to view individual Stalls highlighting the work of the many participating FRC's.

3. Environmental

SOUNDWALK IN THE PEOPLE'S PARK

You will be taken on a soundwalk (a listening walk) in the People's Park, the principal park in Limerick City, to investigate the sounds around us - of nature, social interaction, play - both by measurement of characteristics (by binaural analysis) and our perceived response and to discuss LCCC approach to designating Quiet Areas as part of its Noise Action Plan.

4. Heritage Excursion

LIMERICK CIVIC TRUST

Limerick Civic Trust will be your Host in this two part Excursion in the Georgian Quarter of Limerick. you will be visiting the Peoples Museum of Limerick and will also be taken on a guided tour of the historic Georgian.

5. In Hotel Networking and EXPO

Stay in the Hotel to view a range of great projects and initiatives delivered by Member Groups of PPN Limerick.

No.1 Community

KILMURRY ARTS AND HERITAGE CENTRE

A central hub, created and maintained by the people of Castletroy to enhance, embrace and promote the full potential of their diverse community .

This venue is available to the people of Castletroy for Arts, Heritage, Cultural and Community purposes. The steering committee and the Limerick Art Society' (LAS), will greet you on arrival.



You will view the beautiful building and get an overview of the many events hosted. Limerick arts society have made their home here and will share some of the visual art they produce in the tranquil and peaceful surroundings

The long-term focus is on making the Centre the cultural heartbeat of the community, offering a peaceful retreat from the busy outside world.

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Limerick Civic Trust

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The People's Museum of Limerick, at No. 2 Pery Square, Limerick is managed by Limerick Civic Trust. Limerick Civic Trust have a long relationship with this building, having first carried out its restoration from 1996 to 1999. The building was opened as 'The Georgian House and Garden' by President Mary McAleese in 1999.

Limerick's distinctive Georgian Quarter features many fine examples of eighteenth and nineteenth century architecture. This tour examines diverse styles ranging from Victorian, Gothic and Hiberno Romaneque.



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People's Park Soundwalk



Being outdoors is ever-more important to us. Sounds from nature, blue and green spaces (e.g. birds singing, rustling leaves, a flowing river) are known to reduce stress and have a positive impact on our health and well-being. However, in a world of hustle and bustle our cities are becoming noisier and the need for peace and tranquillity for our citizens can be overlooked.

One of the aims of the Environmental Noise Directive is for action planning authorities to protect areas which are desirably quiet, or which offer a sense of tranquillity, through a process of identification and validation followed by formal designation of "Quiet Areas".

Limerick City and County Council has identified a number of candidate Quiet Areas which it is undertaking investigations by surveying the acoustic (sound) environment and correlating measurements with visitors perceived experiences. By taking into account citizens views is an opportunity for inclusion in local government decision-making.

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No. 4 Social Inclusion

Northside Family Resource Centre

is hosting a Mid-West Family Resource Centre symposium



**“International Eradication of Poverty Day”
with a specific theme on
“Foody and Hygiene Poverty Ireland 2024”**

Individual FRC Stalls will also exhibit their activities and Services (Northside FRC, Southill FRC, Croom FRC, Hospital FRC, Nenagh FRC, Shannon FRC, West Clare, North-West Clare FRC, Killaloe FRC)

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No.5 IN Hotel EXPO and Networking

PPN Limerick Invites you to attend our networking event where we will showcase a selection of the innovative projects and activities undertaken by local groups and organisations.

Those presenting will include:

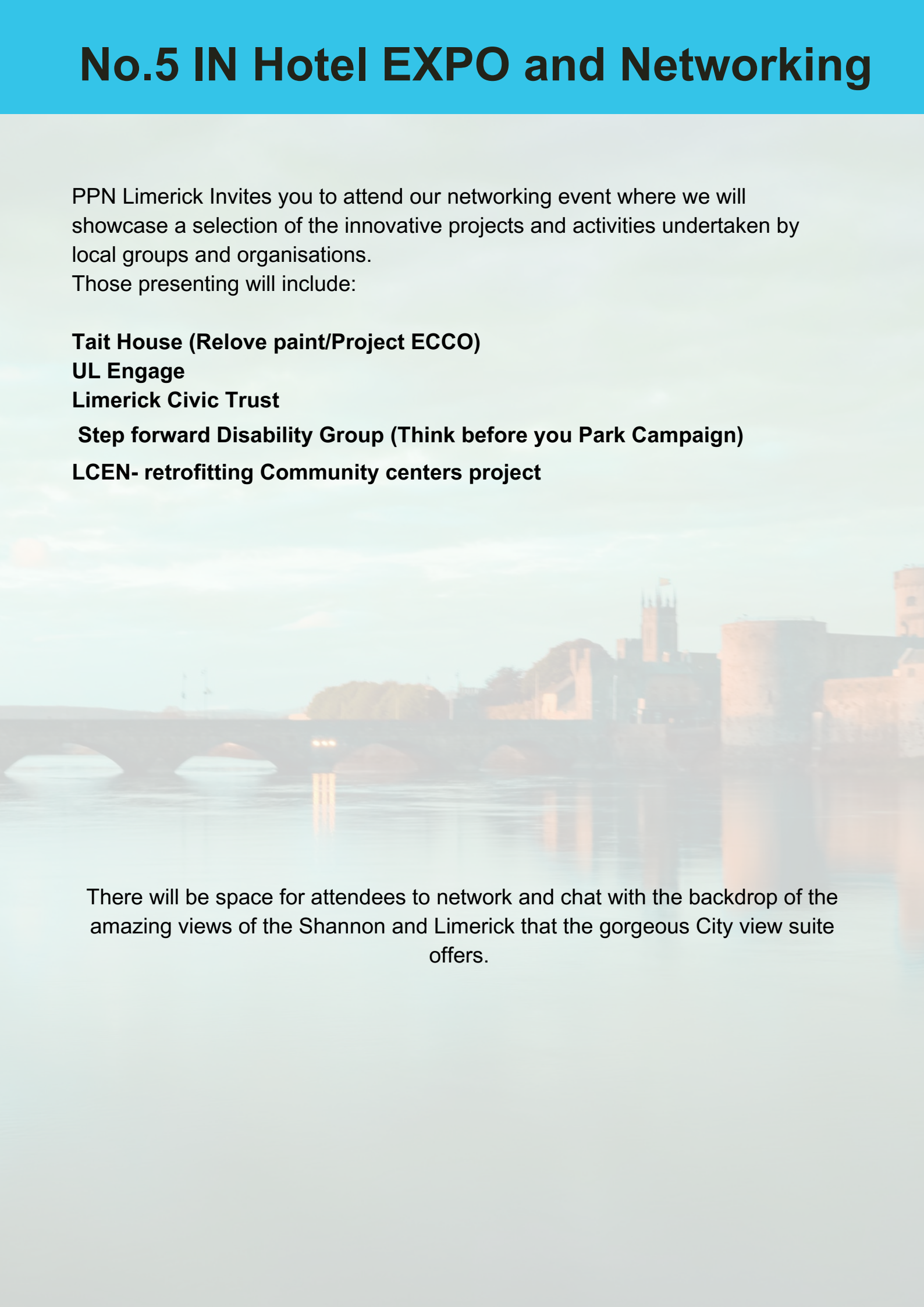
Tait House (Relove paint/Project ECCO)

UL Engage

Limerick Civic Trust

Step forward Disability Group (Think before you Park Campaign)

LCEN- retrofitting Community centers project



There will be space for attendees to network and chat with the backdrop of the amazing views of the Shannon and Limerick that the gorgeous City view suite offers.

Workshops

1. Wellbeing of Staff & Volunteers in the PPNs: Cavan PPN



This workshop is hosted by CavanPPN Coordinator Daniel Downey. With ten years experience as a staff member, he has gained valuable insight into the morale, wellbeing and positivity of those engaging in our PPNs. The workshop will focus both on the 'how' of Wellbeing and how to maximise it and minimise burnout and demoralization. But also the 'why' of Wellbeing in its dynamic way of giving a little to get a lot more from happy, healthy and cared for volunteers and staff.

2. Community Energy Charter: A First in Ireland: Offaly PPN

Offaly PPN membership identified the need to establish a series of collectively agreed guidelines to enable them to meet energy developments from a position of strength and informed opinion. This came about in light of the number of Wind & Solar Farms appearing all across the county. Members felt the need to have input. The resulting Community Energy Charter is a perfect example of the potential in the PPN representative mechanism, outlining the community position across a spectrum of themes arising from the energy transition in Offaly.

An Offaly PPN Initiative, produced by Green Offaly (A PPN Thematic Group) utilizing Leader funding.

This initiative was in collaboration with Offaly Climate Action Team, Offaly Co. Co and Offaly Local Development Company.

Launched on May 27th 2024 by Eanna Ni Lamhna



Workshops

3. Can Tipperary Community Move forward without Pobal? Tipperary PPN



This workshop is an update as to how the Community Climate Coach project, partnering with Cloughjordan Ecovillage, North & South Tipperary Development Companies is progressing post-Pobal funding.

- How the coaches are being maintained as a Community of Practice
- How Tipperary PPN is supporting the outcomes of the project e.g. mapping, community conversations, using the project toolkit
- Potential and real collaborative Community Climate Coach projects

4. UL Citizen's Assembly: A Pathway to Partnership with the PPN

The UL Citizen's Assembly brings together 100 community stakeholders and citizens from Limerick city and county in order to select winning projects from UL that will contribute to a more sustainable future for the city and county. Each winning project team receives a €10,000 funding award to make their idea happen. The Assembly is a collaboration between the University, Limerick City and County Council, Limerick Public Participation Network (PPN) and Limerick Comhairle na nÓg, supported by the Limerick Community Education Network (LCEN) and designed to provide a platform for further engagement between UL and community.

